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[Article by Gregorio Selser: "The CIA's 'Iran Coup' Is Threatening Peru"; Buenos Aires, Propositos, Spanish, 3 April 1969, pp 1, 5]

A cabled news item shook the world last week. The CIA is said to be preparing the fall of the revolutionary government in Peru headed by General Velasco Alvarado, or, more exactly, the General's fall. The report originated with the Washington Post, which, together with the New York Times, is the best informed daily newspaper in the United States on matters concerning official decisions, both civilian and military. Therefore, the possibility that it is true must not be rejected, especially when the Washington Post has connected that eventuality with the famous coup that the CIA administered in 1953 in Iran against the Prime Minister, Mossadegh, neither more nor less than over a problem of the oil empires. ✓

Propositos believes it well to refresh the readers' memory with the events behind the scenes in that first operation by the CIA, which is considered by historians as the most perfect -- "clean" in the jargon of espionage -- of all the ones carried out by Allen Dulles. For that purpose, it is reproducing the story of the "Iran coup" as told by Gregorio Selser, a well-known contributor to Propositos in the Latin American struggle. ✓

We believe that the story must be known not only for the edification of Argentinians, but very especially and now for the edification of the Peruvians, to alert them and put them on a permanent watch.

#### The Fall of Minister Mossadegh

The Prime Minister of Iran, Mohammed Mossadegh, was a stubborn man. After he had arrived at the peak of power by virtue of a certain number of imponderable factors in Middle East politics -- at least to those who do not study its problems and are unfamiliar with them --, he persisted in the